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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I know whether the district gazette is not meant for such purposes ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Many a literature meant for publicity did not obtain publicity that way."

Police

Alleged records against Mr. Ryan.

1627 *Q.*—Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar : With reference to question No. 1411 answered at the Council meeting dated 25th January 1928, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether C.I.D. records against an individual are the outcome of an inquiry based on oral and documentary evidence ;

(*b*) when and under what circumstances these records were prepared against Mr. Ryan ;

(*c*) whether C.I.D. records unfavourable to an individual are communicated to all members of the Police (1) throughout the Presidency, (2) throughout India ;

(*d*) whether the existence of such records against a person entitles the Police, besides watching the conduct of the individual concerned, to communicate confidentially such records or the substance of such records to the heads of Government departments or to the presidents of the public bodies, suggesting that proper enquiries might be made about the antecedents of the person ;

(*e*) whether, besides the case of Mr. Ryan, there are other specific instances of such a procedure as that referred to in (*d*) above ;

(*f*) whether, on the failure of the Police to substantiate and prove in a court of law any one of the charges contained in such confidential records, it is the policy of the C.I.D. to make fresh enquiries to test and validate and revise and correct the records in their possession ;

(*g*) whether there is any evidence that such a course was adopted by the Madras Police when the case of the Delhi Police under section 406 referred to in clause (*b*) of question No. 1411 ended in acquittal ;

(*h*) whether he will place on the table either the office letter of the Town Circle Inspector to the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, applying for permission to suggest to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, that proper enquiries might be made about the antecedents of Mr. Ryan, or the orders passed direct by the District Superintendent of Police, if the latter course was adopted requiring the Town Circle Inspector to suggest to the chairman that such enquiries be made ;

(*i*) what was the date of this order referred to in (*h*) and how many days subsequent to the announcement in the district gazette of the appointment of the Municipal Engineer ; and

(*j*) whether such a course was adopted by the District Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, *suo moto* or in response to any letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*g*) The Government are not prepared to answer these questions.

(*h*) *to* (*j*) The Government have no information ; they have called for it.

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Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—" With reference to the answer to (*a*) to (*g*), may I ask the hon. the Law Member to state whether he cannot make an exception with regard to (*d*), considering the importance of the matter ?"

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" I greatly regret my inability to place information before the hon. Member."

Representation of Adi-Dravidas in the Police department.

*1628 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of Adi-Dravida community in the Police department in the ranks of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Madras City and the mufassal ;

(*b*) how many applications for the post of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors were received by the Inspector-General of Police and how many of them were from Adi-Dravidas, as a result of the advertisement in the Madras newspapers on 5th September 1927 calling for applications for Inspector's and Sub-Inspector's posts ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to ask the Inspector-General of Police to give encouragement to the members of the Adi-Dravida and other depressed classes by selecting as many Adi-Dravidas as are qualified and are eligible for selection ?

A.—(*a*) On 1st April 1927 there was one permanent Sub-Inspector of Police belonging to the " depressed class " in the Presidency ; no Inspectors were of this class.

(*b*) The Government have no information ; they have called for it.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 1556.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" May I know, with reference to (*b*), when the information will be ready ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" As soon as it is sent by the Inspector-General of Police, Sir. "

Indian officers and training at Scotland Yard.

*1629 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Indian officers of the Police department have so far been sent to the Scotland Yard for training in criminal investigation ;

(*b*) if not, why not ;

(*c*) whether the Government do not think it necessary to give expert training at a place like the Scotland Yard for the officers of the Criminal Investigation Department ; and

(*d*) if so, what steps they contemplate to take in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) No

(*b*) The courses of instruction at Scotland Yard are confined to officers of the substantive rank of the District Superintendent of Police and above, who are on leave in Europe. No permanent Indian District Superintendent of Police has been on leave in Europe since the scheme was introduced.